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MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE AND MOSCOW TELEVISION SERVICE IN
RUSSIAN AT 1458 GMT CONTINUES THE RELAY OF CHERNENKO'S MEETING.
WITH VOTERS. HE STANDS UP UNAIDED, WHILE CAMERA SHOWS APPLAUDING
AUDIENCE UNTIL HE REACHES THE ROSTRUM. AT THE ROSTRUM HE STANDS,

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RESTING HIS HANDS ON THE DESK, READING HIS SPEECH QUICKLY, BREATHING HEAVILY AND AUDIBLY AFTER EVERY HALF-DOZEN OR WORDS. AFTER APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES HE DONS A PAIR OF SPECTACLES. AND HIS SPEECH IS SO FAST THAT SOME OF THE WORDS ARE MUMBLED AND DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND.

HE THANKS PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND THOSE WHO NOMINATED HIM. HE EXPRESSES GRIEF AT ANDROPOV'S DEATH, NOTING THE PARTY'S AND COUNTRY'S PROGRESS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. HE SPEAKS OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SUPREME SOVIET ELECTIONS AND THE PARTY'S APPROACH.

CHERNENKO SPEAKS OF THE COUNTRY'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN MODERNIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION, ALTHOUGH HE REMARKS THAT LESS HAS BEEN DONE THAN IS DESIRABLE. HE NOTES PROGRESS IN ENERGY AND SCIENCE, AND THEN SPEAKS OF LAST YEAR'S GRAIN HARVEST AMOUNTING TO 190 MILLION METRIC TONS. HE SAYS THAT MORE HAS TO BE SPENT ON DEFENSE BECAUSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, BUT THE AIM IS STILL TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE. THE FOOD PROGRAM IS STILL GOING AHEAD, HE SAYS. THERE IS ACTIVE COOPERATION WITH CEMA. AND HOUSING CONSTRUCTION IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PARTY. HE SAYS TEACHERS ARE TO HAVE A WAGE INCREASE NEXT YEAR, AND THERE IS TO BE BETTER PROVISION FOR LARGE FAMILIES AND NEWLY-WEDS.

REFERRING TO 1983 IN PARTICULAR, HE NOTES THE NEW MEASURES AND THAT THE DECLINE IN GROWTH HAS BEEN HALTED. HE RECOMMENDS THAT PEOPLE BE MORE ENERGETIC IN DEVELOPING THE ECONOMY: THERE HAVE TO BE MORE PROFOUND CHANGES, THE POTENTIAL IS NOT BEING FULLY EXPLOITED. HE SAYS THAT THE NARROW LOCAL APPROACH HAS TO BE ERADICATED BUT THAT LOCAL INITIATIVES MUST NOT BE SHACKLED. HE ADDS THAT CURRENT EXPERIMENTS GIVE MORE RESPONSIBILITY AND POWERS TO ENTERPRISES. THE PRINCIPLE OF HIGH PAYMENT FOR BETTER WORK MUST BECOME UNIVERSAL, AND THE PARTY IS PRESSING AHEAD WITH WORK ON IMPROVING THE ECONOMY'S EFFICIENCY. AT 1518 GMT CHERNENKO IS STILL SPEAKING.

AT 1510 GMT MOSCOW TASS ENGLISH BEGINS TO CARRY THE TEXT OF CHERNENKO SPEECH, WHICH BUREAU HAS BEGUN TO FIL (SEE LB021514 AND ADDS).

FURTHER AS AVAILABLE. SCRACE/PG 02/1549Z MAR

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